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For: **FILM FORMATION METHOD CAPABLE OF PREVENTING FLUCTUATION OF RIBBON**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 24, Please delete second full paragraph and replace it with the following new paragraph.

In Experiment C, the film is made from the dope used in Experiment A by use of a multiple flow cast die 65 of feedblock type shown in FIG. 7. In Experiment D, on the other hand, the film is made from the dope used in Experiment B by use of the multiple flow cast die 65. As shown in FIG. 11, the film 70 obtained in Experiment C, D includes an inner layer 71, a surface layer 72 and a back layer 73. A dry thickness of the inner layer 71 is 50 μm . The amount of cellulose acetate of the dope for the surface and back layers 72, 73 is 5% smaller than that for the inner layer 71. A dry thickness of the surface and back layers 72, 73 is 5 mm. In Experiment C, D, a thickness of the side seal T is 5 mm. A casting speed of the ribbon 3 is 60

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m/min, and a degree of decompression PC is -245.2 Pa (-25 mmAq). R terraced unevenness value, appearance and result are respectively shown in FIG. 12 (Experiment C) and FIG. 13 (Experiment D).

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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The specification is changed as follows:

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In Experiment C, the film is made from the dope used in Experiment A by use of a multiple flow cast die 65 of feedblock type shown in FIG. 7. In Experiment D, on the other hand, the film is made from the dope used in Experiment B by use of the multiple flow cast die 65. As shown in FIG. 11, the film 70 obtained in Experiment C, D includes an inner layer 71, a surface layer 72 and a back layer 73. A dry thickness of the inner layer 71 is 50 ~~μm~~. The amount of cellulose acetate of the dope for the surface and back layers 72, 73 is 5% smaller than that for the inner layer 71. A dry thickness of the surface and back layers 72, 73 is 5 mm. In Experiment C, D, a thickness of the side seal T is 5 mm. A casting speed of the ribbon 3 is 60 m/min, and a degree of decompression PC is -245.2 Pa (-25 mmAq). R terraced unevenness value, appearance and result are respectively shown in FIG. 12 (Experiment C) and FIG. 13 (Experiment D).